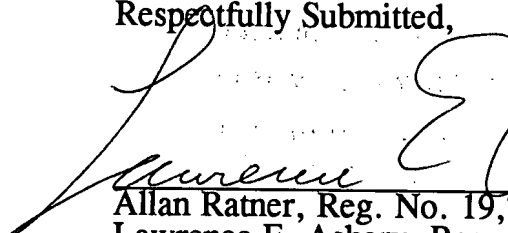
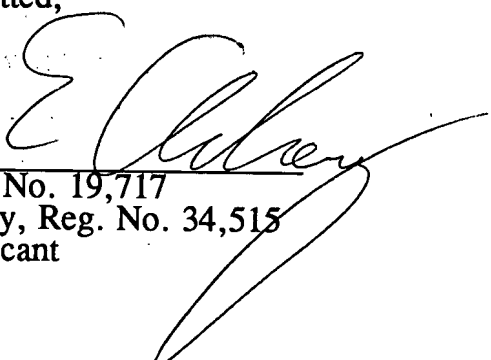


In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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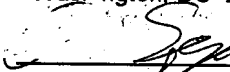
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